

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Laubach et al.

Serial No.:

Group Art Unit:

Filed: May 27, 1997

Examiner:

For: MULTI-CHANNEL SUPPORT FOR VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORKS IN A  
PACKET TO ATM CELL CABLE SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following  
amendments.

Sir,

This Application is a Divisional Application of pending Application Serial  
No. 08/864,550 filed May 27, 1997. On May 21, 1999, a Restriction Requirement was  
issued in which the Examiner required Applicants to elect between Invention I,  
recited in Claims 1-29, Invention II recited in Claims 30-39, Invention III, recited  
in Claims 40-45 and Invention IV recited in Claims 46-68. Applicants elected  
Invention I for prosecution. This Divisional Application is intended to cover  
Invention II of the original Application where Invention II covers Claims 30-39 of  
the original Application. In connection, with the above referenced Divisional

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Application, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider of the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-29 and 40-6<sup>7</sup> without prejudice.

CONCLUSION


If a telephone call would expedite prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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